

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 00-1323-H)

In re the Application of:

Hillman

Group Art Unit: 1647

Serial No: 10/013,036

Examiner: S. Gucker

Filed: October 30, 2001

Conf. No.: 8384

For: Antimicrobial Polypeptide, Nucleic

Acid, and Methods of Use

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 2, 2004 in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this amendment; however, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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The affidavit of Jeffery D. Hillman (see above) demonstrates that the Smith reference is not by another. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection in view of the affidavit.

Dated: 2-2-05

Respectfully submitted,

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